

HOUSE BILL 3950

By Armstrong

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,
Chapter 11, relative to methadone treatment.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 16, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

68-11-16__.

(a) The department of mental health and developmental disabilities is urged to undertake an analysis to assist the legislature in determining the future direction of licensing and oversight of methadone maintenance programs in Tennessee. The analysis should include, but not be limited to:

- (1) The capacity of the existing programs;
- (2) Access to the existing programs;
- (3) The collection of national data regarding heroin and other opiate addictions and treatment trends; and
- (4) Alternative medications such as Buprenorphine for opiate addiction treatment.

(b) The legislature requests that any information obtained or compiled by the department concerning such analysis, if undertaken, be shared with the governor, and the health and human resources committee of the house of representatives and the general welfare, health and human resources committee of the senate.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.